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1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (☐ Design ☒ Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title:

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without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:3. ☒ Abstract 1 page(s).4. 8 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims);5. ☐ Specification in non-English language6. 14 Numbered claim(s); and7. ☐ Drawings:          sheet(s) ☐ 1 set informal;8. ☐ formal of size: ☐ A4 ☐ 11"9. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 60/445,463	7 February 2003	(2)	
(3)		(4)	

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in

Europe

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(1) 03075368.5	7 February 2003	(2)	
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11.          (No.) Certified copy (copies):  
in U.S. Application No.          /         ☐ attached;☐ previously filed (date)  
filed on         12. ☐ This is a reissue of Patent No.         13. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete item 14 or 15.)

14. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. 60/ 445,463 filed February 7, 2003No. / filed         No. / filed         No. PCT/ / filed         designated the U.S. and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English15. ☒ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US applications16. Extension to date: ☐ concurrently filed ☐ not needed ☐ previously filed17. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed (**pre-filing confirmation required**)17(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not essential to make claim)17(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

18. ☐ Assignee (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

19. ☐ Attached:

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) (Double check instructions for accuracy.):  
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